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1. TO CONFIRM INFORMATION RELAYED TELCON, BRATISLAVA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED TAPES FROM ONE OR TWO YOUNG (30 AND UNDER) AMERICAN MUSICIANS FOR POSSIBLE SELECTION AS INVITEES TO PERFORM WITH TOP SLOVAK ORCHESTRAS IN 1975. AUDITION TAPES BEING SOLICITED INTERNATIONALLY AND WE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT MANY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, PLUS CANADA, MEXICO AND BRAZIL, AMONG OTHERS IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE, ARE PARTICIPATING.

2. THIS IS NOT COMPETITION IN THE STRICTEST SENSE OF WORD, THOUGH SELECTION WILL BE MADE OF TWENTY EVENTUAL INVITEES FROM LARGER GROUP OF APPLICANTS.

3. IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION FESTIAVAL COMMITTEE HAS EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF AUDITION TAPE TO 15 SEPTEMBER. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS IS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND RANGE OF AMERICAN PERFORMERS APPEARING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HOPES DEPARTMENT CAN FACILITATE SUBMISSION OF ONE OR MORE AUDITION TAPES BY NEW DEADLINE.

4. SINCE TIME VERY SHORT, EMBASSY SUGGESTS CONTACTING OUTSTANDING YOUNG CELLIST JAMES KREGER, MOST HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY PIANIST GARRICK OHLSSON, WHO HAS APPEARED IN TWO SUCCESSIVE PRAGUE SPRING
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FESTIVALS AND HAS INVITATIONS FOR COUNTRY-WIDE CONCERTS IN 1975 AND

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1976 SEASONS. THOUGH EMBASSY HAS NOT HEARD KREGER IT HAS CONFIDENCE
IN OHLSSON'S JUDGEMENT. KREGER, A STUDENT AT JUILLIARD, IS
ANXIOUS TO PERFORM IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN
TOUCH WTIH HIM, AND HAS RECEIVED A LETTER
PRAISING HIS MUSICIANSHIP FROM CONCERT CELLIST AND
TEACHER LEONARD ROSE. THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL CONCERTS,
PERHAPS SOME WITH GARRICK OHLSSON WITH WHOM HE HAS PERFORMED
BEFORE, ALSO VERY ATTRACTIVE TO EMBASSY. SEE NEW YORK TIMES
REVIEWS OF 27 NOV 72, 18 MARCH 71 AND 4 APRIL 71.

5. ADDRESS FOLLOWS: JAMES KREGER; 808 WEST END AVENUE;
APARTMENT 1207; NEW YORK CITY 10025.

6. PLEASE ADVISE POSSIBILITIES OF AMERICAN ENTRANT(S)
GENERALLY AND KREGER SPECIFICALLY.
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